

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 5-30 are now in this application.

By this amendment the following actions have been taken:

- Previous claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1.
- Claims 2 and 4 have been canceled.
- The dependency of claims 15, 17, 19, 22 and 24 have been changed so that they now depend on claim 1.
- The dependency of claims 14, 16, 18, 23, 26, 29 and 30 have been changed so that they now depend on claim 12. It should be noted that in making claim 26 dependent on claim 12, it appeared that some slight changes in wording were desired.
- In each of claims 1, 10 and 12 the beginning of each claim has been modified so that they no longer start with the word "The."

This means that there are now three independent claims in the application.

They are:

- Present claim 1, into which the limitations of claim 4 have been added so that this claims should now be allowable.
- Present claim 10, which was indicated to be allowable during the interview, and,
- Present claim 12, which was indicated to be allowable during the interview.

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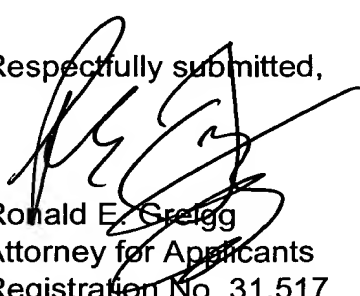
Thus, all of the independent claims are now claims that have been indicated to be allowable, and all of the dependent claims in the application are dependent on claims that have been indicated to be allowable.

In the interest of providing a complete record of the interview of May 6, 2004, it is pointed out that the examiner's record of the interview is accurate and complete.

Entry of this amendment, and allowance of the claims in this application for the reasons as specified above, are courteously solicited.

Applicant is also filing herewith a two (2) month extension of time with this amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a fee of \$420.00, or any other necessary fees, in connection with this communication, to Deposit Account No. 07-2100.

Respectfully submitted,



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